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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection.

35 USC § 103

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Balog in view of Olnowich. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite receiving encrypted data from the first network intended for a second network, and decrypting said data (for support, see, inter alia, par. 23).

Similar amendments were made to claims 11 and 18. New claims 28-30 recite certain variations relating to re-encryption of data (for support, see, inter alia, specification par. 23).

Balog relates to an arrangement in which multiple devices
52, 54, and 56 may be communicatively coupled in an ad hoc
Bluetooth network (see, inter alia, Balogh par. 41). If devices
54, 56 are out of range of an access point 20, but device 52 is
within the range of the access point 20, then device 52 acts as
an intermediary. When acting as an intermediary device 52 use
the Bluetooth protocol for routing content from the access point

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20 to device 56. There is no suggestion that these Bluetooth communications are in any way encrypted. In fact, the use of the term routing suggests that no data processing, such as decryption occurs.

Olnowich relates to a parallel electrical switch that can handle either optical or electrical serial data so that serial message data may be sent to a variety of destinations (see, inter alia, Olnowich col. 7, lines 13-21). There is no suggestion that this switch might act to decrypt encrypted data.

Moreover, in addition to the fact that the two references fail to disclose all of the subject matter recited in the claims, the skilled artisan would not have been motivated to combined Balog with Olnowich. Balog describes an arrangement in which multiple mobile phones may communicate with each other via Bluetooh. In one variation, it is suggested that one of the mobile phones can act as an intermediary to route data to an access point. Olnowich, in contrast, relates to a switch that switches between optical and electrical serial data. As these two references are addressing vastly different problems, the skilled artisan would not have been motivated to modify Balog with the serial switch of Olnowich to result in the claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, claims 1, 11, 18 and their respective dependent claims should be allowable.

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Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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